

**REMARKS**

Claim 7 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 1 and to show the salt contains a charge. Claims 9, 11, 16 and 17 have been amended to correct informalities. Claim 12 has been amended to recite the proper formula. Support for amended Claim 12 can be found at page 29, third paragraph. Claim 27 has been added. Support for Claim 27 can be found in the subject matter of Claim 2. Claims 1 and 2 have been canceled. No new matter has been added. Upon entry of this Amendment, which is respectfully requested, Claims 3-27 are pending, of which Claims 3-6 have been withdrawn from consideration.

**Response to Claim Rejections Under § 112**

Claims 1-2, and 7-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite.

Claims 1 and 2 have been canceled. Claims 9, 11, 16 and 17 have been amended to more clearly define the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention and to correct informalities. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

**Response to Claim Rejections Under § 102**

Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Lawson et al. "cis-Trihydrogen cyclotriphosphazenes-acidic anions in strongly basic media."

Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Rivals et al. "Syntheses and Structures of Trilithium Cyclotriphosphazenes Equipped with 2-Halo-aryl Substituents."

Applicant respectfully traverses.

Claims 1 and 2 have been canceled. Further, Lawson and Rivals fail to disclose or suggest a non-aqueous electrolyte cell comprising a positive electrode, a negative electrode and a

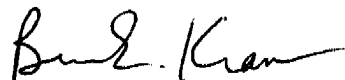
non-aqueous electrolyte comprising an aprotic organic solvent and a support salt comprising a compound represented by claimed formula (I) or (II).

Thus, neither Lawson nor Rivals anticipates or renders obvious the present claims. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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